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The Global Positioning System (GPS) is now an indispensable worldwide utility. However, the early days of GPS were both technically and politically challenging. Larry was selected as the Air Force Shuttle Payload Specialist to fly with the first operational GPS satellite. Come hear about the growth of GPS, the Payload Specialist program, and the impact the Challenger disaster had on the overall program.